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SUBJECT: NORWAY UNLIKELY TO PROVIDE LEBANESE ARMY ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 93173

Classified By: DCM Kevin M. Johnson, Reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

(C) On July 5 we delivered reftel points to MFA Deputy Director General for Global Security and Bilateral Relations Leif Larsen, who will share the information with MFA colleagues in the Middle East and Export Control sections. He noted Norway's stringent export regulations which prohibit providing material to countries in war, or where conflict is threatened. Larsen also opined that, even if Norway could provide the requested ammunition, it would be impossible to deliver such ammunition in the aggressive deadline outlined under the reftel points. DATT has separately raised this matter with MOD colleagues.  
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